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Morton Grove Public Library

New Piano Brings Music to Your Ears This Fall

The piano music that will resound throughout the Baxter Room this Fall will have a different sound. The melodies haven't changed, but the piano has. The Library was long overdue for a replacement piano. To celebrate our new sound, join us one Sunday a month at 2 p.m. for a musical treat. September kicks off with show tunes. Carolyn Sanderson of Glenview plays the best of Rodgers and Hammerstein on **Sunday, September 8**. On **October 6**, Nordstrom's pianist Eugene Kowk brings popular and classical tunes. Morton Grove resident, Peggy Prielozny, brings her "Songs of Love and Life: Popular Music from 1890 to World War I" to the Library **November 3**. Stay tuned for a special holiday program in December and future musical events.

Another new keyboard treat to try is **NoveList**, an electronic reader's advisor. By typing keywords, authors, or titles, NoveList gives you access to more than 34,000 adult fiction titles and 10,000 book reviews. You can describe a plot or explore different fiction types from *Doctor and Nurse Romance* to *Senior Citizen Sleuths*. If the Library doesn't own the title, we can get it for you through InterLibrary Loan.

Foreign Language Collections Overflow Shelves

Recent additions to the Library's foreign language collections have packed the shelves beyond capacity.

More than 350 Urdu and Gujarati titles were purchased with funds from the Illinois State Library Services and Construction Grant.

The grant's focus is cooperative collection building and resource sharing among several area libraries. These titles were added to the Library's collection of 500 Korean books, CDs, cassettes, videos and magazines purchased with 1991 grant monies.

The Library also offers materials in 20 other foreign languages, including Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

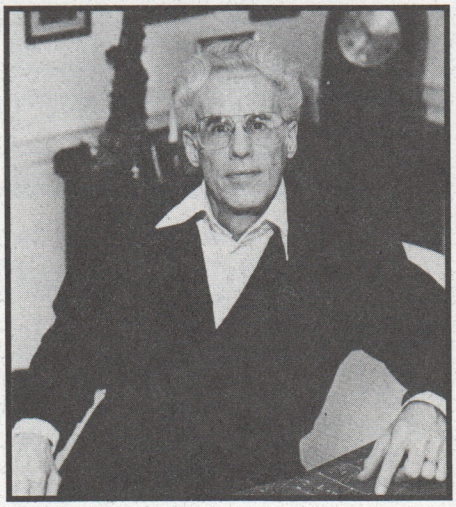
The Library welcomes many from other lands who have chosen to make Morton Grove their home. In cooperation with the Polish American Association, the Library is sponsoring an informational meeting, "The Who, the When and the How of U.S. Citizenship" on **Saturday, October 5 at 1:00**.

This workshop, open to anyone interested in pursuing U.S. citizenship, focuses on the eligibility of individuals and the documents and fees required.

Frank Lloyd Wright Makes Library Appearance

Lyman Shepard recounts the life of master architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, from his stormy career to his controversial personal life, at the Library on **Sunday, October 27 at 2 p.m.** In authentic Wright costume, flowing cape and porkpie hat, Shepard shows slides and discusses the influences that shaped Wright's life, including his visits to Japan and his exposure to Asian art.

Shepard, a founding member of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park, has travelled internationally to portray the notorius architect. With all Shepard's insight, you won't want to miss "An Encounter With Frank Lloyd Wright."



Shepard as the architect in his studio.

Internet Classes a Hit; More Offered

"Thank you Morton Grove Library for making this available." "More hands-on time." "Very interesting and informative."

This feedback from the Internet classes offered at the Library in June was so favorable, and the training so helpful, that more classes are coming.

Beginning Internet classes will be offered Tuesdays in October at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30. ***Business Resources on the Internet*** will be offered Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 and repeated Thursday, October 31 at 10:00.

Register early for ***Travel Resources on the Internet***, a guide to worldwide travel on the Web. This class will be offered Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 and repeated Thursday, November 14 at 10:00.

Genealogy Resources on the Internet will be offered Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 and Friday, November 29 at 10:00.

Registration for all hands-on classes is limited and begins September 16.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Closed Sun., Sept. 1 & Mon., Sept. 2.

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

September			
9/2			Library Closed for Labor Day
9/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/8	Su	2:00	Concert: *Broadway's Best*
9/10	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/11	We	7:00	Health Lecture: *Pressure Point Therapy*
9/12	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
9/13	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
9/14	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Don Carlo*
9/16	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Twister* (PG-13, 114 min.)
9/17	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/24	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/24	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group: *Days of Grace* by Arthur Ashe
9/25	We	7:00	Travel: *Morocco*
October			
10/1	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/2	We	7:00	Workshop: Financing College
10/5	Sa	1:00	Citizenship Workshop
10/6	Su	2:00	Concert: Eugene Kowk
10/8	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
10/11	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
10/14	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Cold Comfort Farm* (PG, 105 min.)
10/15	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/16	We	7:00	Health Lecture: *Coping With Food Allergies*
10/22	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/22	Tu	3:45	Babysitting Class
10/22	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group: *Murder on the Kibbutz* by Batya Gur
10/23	We	3:45	Babysitting Class
10/24	We	3:45	Babysitting Class
10/27	Su	2:00	Slide/Lecture: *An Encounter With Frank Lloyd Wright*
10/29	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs

September

Rodgers and Hammerstein: Broadway's Best - Some critics claim that musical theater reached its peak with the collaboration of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Carolyn Sanderson's narrated piano program includes backstage stories and plenty of songs from *Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I* and others. **Sun. Sept. 8 at 2 p.m.**

Pressure Point Therapy Workshop - Stressed out? Headache or back pain bothering you? This hands-on workshop with chiropractor Dr. Ira Chislof teaches you how to treat headaches, neck pain, sinus problems, allergies, and other problems safely and naturally. **Wed. Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.**

Lyric Opera Lecture: Don Carlo - DePaul Music Professor Tom Brown previews this Verdi masterpiece. The Spanish Inquisition is raging full force, and the King rules the land with an iron hand. But even he cannot command the heart of his beautiful new Queen - who's in love with his own son. **Sun. Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.**

Travel to Morocco - Mike Gauer has traveled to the far corners of the earth for these brilliant slides. You'll be lost among Moorish arches and intricate tile work. Follow the natives as they show us walled towns, silver and jeweled daggers and hilltop castles. **Wed. Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.**

October

Concert - Eugene Kowk, Nordstrom's pianist plays classical and popular pieces from his 1,200-piece memorized repertoire. **Sun. Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.**

Coping With Food Allergies - Dr. Joel Klein of Rush North Shore Medical Center explains how to identify foods that trigger unpleasant responses and how to overcome the discomfort they cause. **Wed. Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.**

An Encounter With Frank Lloyd Wright - See story, front page. **Sun. Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.**

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

A Few Gentle Reminders from the Circulation Department:

- Have you used the new video drop to return your videos? It's located next to the book drop behind the Library. Please remember, filling the book/video drops with your donation of used books means that other patrons cannot return their books or videos and that we cannot properly acknowledge your donation.
- Not sure when your materials are due? Check the blue, yellow or white date due slip in the pocket.
- Have you tried Telecirc for renewing your books or checking on overdue fines? Just have your library card and books ready and dial 676-1846. Of course, a staff member will still be happy to renew your materials personally at 965-4220.

Kids Programs

Ghosts and Goblins Haunt Library's Children's Room

Watch out for the spooks and monsters lurking in the dark, dark corners of the Children's Room. **A Dark, Dark Tale** is the theme for September and October. Children of all ages are invited to read ghastly, ghoulish books starting **Monday, September 16**.

Reading scary stories earns you "Book Bucks" so you can purchase neat school supplies. Special Halloween bags full of treats will be raffled off at the Dark, Dark Party on **Saturday, October 26.** You are invited to wear your Halloween costume to the party.

• More than 380 children registered for the Library's Summer Reading Program, ***Reading Is a Magic Trip.*** Collectively, they read more than 4,000 books. Congratulations to all readers! Many also dressed in costume to march with the Library entry in the Village's July 4th Parade. Thank you to all children and parents who participated!

• **Battle of the Books** is coming! Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades: ask your teachers about signing up for your Battle of the Books team. Copies of the booklist are available in the Children's Room. Start reading now so you'll be ready for battle in late October.

Children's Classes

Fall session begins the week of October 14. Registration starts September 9 for Morton Grove residents and September 16 for non-residents.

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Be a Super Sitter

Learn the basics at the Library's Fall Babysitting class **Tuesday - Thursday, October 22 - 24 at 3:45.** Bill Porter of the Morton Grove Fire Department teaches the class for MG residents, ages 12 and up.

Sitters learn basic safety, what to do in case of an emergency, and the right questions to ask parents. A MG police officer will assist in the class. Students have the chance to role-play sticky situations, such as opening the door to strangers.

The class is limited to 15 and registration is required. Call the Library to register (847) 965-4220.

Virtual Local History

Take a virtual trip through the riveting annals of Morton Grove's history at the newest page to grace MGPL's Web site. The Local History Room is proud to announce its debut; it can be found by accessing the Library's information page or by entering: **http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/mgpl/lochist.html**

The page provides information pertinent to using the Local History Room and its materials. There are also links available to local, state, and regional historical sites. Keep checking this page as new links and more information are added.

Films

September

Twister (PG-13 114 min) Jo Harding (Helen Hunt) chases tornadoes for a living. Her estranged husband Bill (Bill Paxton) is chasing Jo to sign divorce papers when the storms kick in, giving Bill a chance to test his tornado tracking device.
Mon. 9/16, 11:00, 2:30 and 7:00

October

Cold Comfort Farm (PG 105 min) When Flora Poste (Kate Beckinsale) is orphaned, the young, London socialite goes to live with her rural relatives, the Starkadders of Sussex. Flora, finding a filthy, backwards clan, sets about imposing order on her country cousins. **Mon. 10/14, 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

Movie Monitors Needed

Do you regularly attend one of the feature film showings? The Library needs your help as a volunteer movie monitor during the show.

Register Now for Your New Library Card

If you are new to Morton Grove, let the Library add its welcome to those you've already received. For new residents and those who have never had a library card, we'd like to offer you a card when you come in with an ID listing your current address.

During Library Card Sign-Up Month in September, you can register for our weekly drawing for five free feature film video rentals (a $5 value) when you come in for your new library card. This applies to new card applicants only.

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1 1/2 hour video program.

New Books Showcase

Beyond the latest bestsellers, the Library staff presents New Books Showcase the second Friday of each month. Join us for a look at what's new. If you can't make it, pick up a list of titles at the Library or visit the New Books Showcase at our Virtual Reader's Service Desk on the Web: http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/mgpl/rsdesk.html
Friday 9/13 and **10/11 at 10 a.m.**

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Sept. 24** for tennis star Arthur Ashe's autobiography, *Days of Grace.* Follow Jerusalem cop, Michael Ohayon, on his quest to solve the *Murder on the Kibbutz* by Batya Gur for our **Oct. 22** discussion. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.**

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Reference Round-up

Thinking of returning to college? Planning a visit to college campuses? Filling out those financial aid forms? The Reference Department's resources will assist you with all of these tasks. On the shelf or in cyberspace, college materials are plentiful. There are college guidebooks that are both factual and evaluative. These are available for trade schools, undergraduate, graduate and professional levels.

There is a wonderful series titled ***How to Get to the College of Your Choice by Road, Plane or Train: A Practical Guide to Campus Visits*** that covers most colleges and universities in the United States and gives both directions and a campus map. There is a wide variety of materials about grants, fellowships, scholarships and loans.

The Reference Librarians will also assist you in locating college web sites on the Internet. These sites are often designed with prospective students in mind and contain information not found in the traditional college catalog.

Whether you are a student or the parent of a student, the Reference Department's resources will help you make an informed decision about college, funding and the future.

Since financial aid is often the key to a student's access to higher education and college choice, you may want to attend the **Financing College Workshop** on **Wednesday, October 2 at 7 p.m.** A panel of speakers will address financial aid issues, saving for college, filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and will answer your questions. This workshop is presented by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

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